

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Crash of U-2R, 057

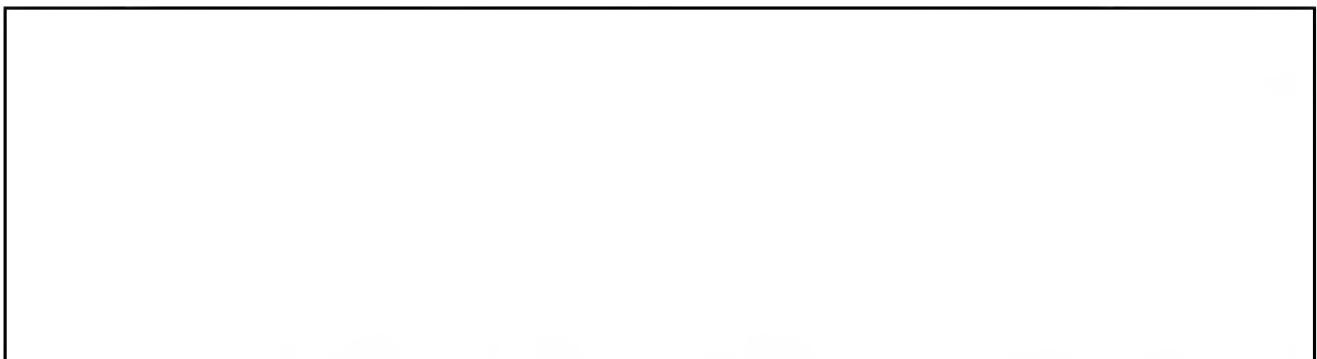
25X1            1. Detachment "H" U-2R 057 crashed at [redacted]

25X1            at 0640Z 24 November 1970. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and the pilot [redacted] was fatally injured.

25X1            2. The purpose of this training mission was routine high altitude proficiency flight for the pilot. The aircraft departed [redacted] on a scheduled 0215Z take off and apparently flew the planned round robin training route. During the approach for landing, the Mobile Control Officer observed what appeared to be a normal approach to runway 05. At touchdown approximately 1200 feet from approach end of runway, the aircraft skipped slightly and touched down a second time in a right drift. At this point, aircraft started off the runway to the right, crossed a taxiway and struck a 6 1/2 foot runway marker adjacent to the taxiway and then continued on across the infield. As the aircraft struck the runway marker, Mobile Control noted an increase in power signifying an attempted go around. The aircraft again left the ground, approximately 2600 feet from the approach end of the runway, and started a slow left climbing turn with nose high. From this nose high left bank attitude, the aircraft apparently stalled, hit the ground and started burning approximately 100 feet to the left of the runway. Weather at time of the accident was 2,000 feet scattered, 7 miles visibility and wind at 12 knots from 100 degrees.

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4. An Accident Investigation Board is being appointed by Project  
Headquarters. Board makeup and departure time for [redacted] will be provided  
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